

# ***FALCON FAMILY NEWS***

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**Wings of Blue jumping with the USAFA 60th Anniversary Flag!**

## **CLASS STATISTICS (as of 28 February 2014)**

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2013	1	0	1
2014	783	240	1023
2015	690	188	878
2016	687	189	876
2017	861	260	1121
<b>WING</b>	<b>3022</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>3899</b>

❖ These numbers include international students.

## **SUPERINTENDENT ON TWITTER**

The newest member of Twitter is Lt. Gen. Michelle D. Johnson, Superintendent of the United States Air Force Academy. General Johnson's Twitter handle is @USAF\_A\_SUPT, and she said she looks forward to communicating with Academy cadets, fellow Airmen, Academy graduates, and anyone else who is interested in or has concerns about the Air Force's Academy. Twitter is a great tool to share Academy news, and General Johnson is glad to use this social media platform to ensure openness and transparency.

"I look forward to talking about the Academy and having an open dialogue with the public," Johnson said. Her first tweet reads "Glad to be on Twitter, and looking forward to hearing from you!"

## **THIS MONTH IN AIR FORCE ACADEMY HISTORY—HAPPY 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY—1 APRIL**

2 March 1965 -- First Lieutenant Hayden Lockhart, Class of '61, flying an F-100, is shot down and captured, becoming the first Air Force Academy graduate Prisoner of War.

4 March 1976 -- Captain Lance P. Sijan, Class of '65, becomes the first and so far only graduate to be awarded the Medal of Honor. President Gerald R. Ford presented the award to Captain Sijan's parents at a White House ceremony.

4 March 2004 -- Second Lieutenant Christopher Ayoub, Class of '03, receives the 2003 Cadet of the Year award at a Pentagon ceremony. The Air Force-level award recognizes the most outstanding cadet in an Air Force commissioning program. He is the first Air Force Academy graduate to win the award, which was established in 2000.

8 March 1954 -- The U. S. Senate passes a bill to establish an air force academy.

13 March 2000 -- Second Lieutenant Shawna (Ng-A-Qui) Kimbrell, Class of '98, the first female African-American fighter pilot in the Air Force, becomes qualified in the F-16.

17 March 2007 -- The Academy hockey team beats Army 6-1 to win the Atlantic Hockey Association championship and qualify for the 16-team NCAA hockey tournament. The team was the first service academy hockey team to win a conference title and to play in the NCAA tournament.

28 March 2003 -- The phrase "Bring Me Men" is removed from its spot over the battle ramp. The phrase is from the poem "The Coming American" written in 1894 by Sam Walter Foss. In September 2004, the words would be replaced by the Core Values ("Integrity First, Service Before Self, Excellence in All We Do").

### **UPCOMING DATES 2014:**

21 – 30 Mar 14	Spring Break LMD. Cadet Wing returns 1900 hours on 30 Mar 14
4 Apr 14	Founders Day Parade (1000)
12 – 16 May 14	Finals
23 May 14	Ring Dining Out and Ring Dance (Class of 2015)
28 May 14	2014 Graduation
31 May 14	Summer Session 1 begins
21 Jun 14	Summer Session 1 ends (must check in by 1000 am)
21 Jun 14	Summer Session 2 begins
26 Jun 14	Class of 2018 In-Processing
27 Jun 14	Swearing-In Ceremony
12 Jul 14	Summer Session 2 ends (must check in by 1000 am)
12 Jul 14	Summer Session 3
2 Aug 14	Session 3 ends. Cadet Wing returns at 1900 hours (7pm)

### **GRADUATION INFORMATION Graduation webpage link for more information:**

<http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/graduation/index.cfm?catname=graduation>

Below is some information that parents may find helpful in their planning purposes.

**CADET USAFANET (e-mail) ACCOUNTS.** Cadet First Class accounts will be maintained until all second Lieutenants remaining in PCS/Casual status and all late graduates are identified. Once these personnel are identified their accounts will be moved to the appropriate organizational unit while all other cadet first class accounts will be deleted. (normally in mid-Jul). All cadets should back up data from any network drives NLT 31 May 14. Parents might want to remind their graduates to save their data otherwise it will be deleted.

**PRE AND POST GRADUATION CADET AREA PARKING.** Parent vehicles will be allowed into the cadet area beginning on 27 May 2014 from 1600 to 2300 and on 28 May 2014 after the graduation ceremony if accompanied or escorted by a cadet. Graduation vehicle parking passes are required. Immediately following graduation ceremonies, graduates will be allowed to load their vehicle/out process until 1700. One vehicle pass per graduate (no exceptions) will be issued the same time that graduation tickets are issued. Someone must remain with the vehicle while in the cadet area. Parking for any other activities will be at the Field House parking lot. Graduates must inform their guests of this policy.

**TEMPORARY RESERVED PARKING.** No parking slot will be "coned" or reserved in the cadet area for any event or purpose without first coordinating such action with CWTMS. (USAFA/CWTMS/333-2521)

**TRAFFIC FLOW.** Traffic flow in the cadet area will be restricted to personnel with authorized vehicle passes or stickers.

**SHUTTLE BUSES FOR RING DINING-OUT ON 23 MAY 14, BACCALAUREATE SERVICES ON 25 MAY 14, AND THE GRADUATION RECEPTION/DANCE ON 27 May 14.** Main parking for the Ring Dining-Out/Dance, Graduation Reception/Dance, and Baccalaureate Services will be in the Field House and Harmon Hall parking lots. Shuttle buses will run continuously from the front entrance of the Field House, up Cadet Drive, via the north road to the drop-off point on the west side of Mitchell Hall. Distinguished visitor guests to these events who have authorized parking passes may park under Fairchild Hall and utilize the west

elevators (“Dean’s elevators”) to the Terrazzo level. For events at Arnold Hall or the Cadet chapel, the shuttles will include the Arnold Hall traffic circle or the Chapel parking lot as a drop-off/pick-up point as appropriate.

**GRADUATION RECEPTION TICKET PROCEDURES.** Graduating cadets may purchase tickets to attend the Graduation Reception held on 27 May 2014. Ticket sales will start on 1 Apr 2014 and continue through 23 May 2014. Guest tickets may be purchased for \$15 per person (plus any applicable fees or surcharges); there is no charge for cadets to attend. Tickets may be purchased as follows:

a. **Guest tickets** may be purchased from 1 April–23 May 2014 from **Academy Concerts**, located in Arnold Hall. Tickets may be purchased in person or by phone at (719) 333-4497, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Credit cards (Visa or Master Card) are accepted.

b. **Guest tickets** may also be purchased by **graduating cadets** on the Mitchell Hall Staff Tower from 1–23 May 2014 at lunch time. Cash, check or credit cards (Visa or Master Card) are accepted.

c. **Please be aware that the Graduation Reception is a stand up reception with limited seating.** All tickets must be purchased in advance.

**VISITOR CONTROL.** Cadets must receive AOC and/or AMT approval to escort visitors in the dormitories and must escort all visitors while in the dorms, Terrazzo, Mitchell Hall, Fairchild Hall, and Fairchild Annex. The general public is restricted from entering buildings in the cadet area, except those normally open for visitor tours. Visitors will not be allowed on the Terrazzo without escort by a cadet or a cadet area badge holder and may not be on the Terrazzo during Cadet Wing formations.

**GRADUATION TICKETS FOR STAFF/LOWER CLASSMAN.** Extra tickets must be picked up in person at the Athletic Sales office. Contact sales office for when the tickets will be available.

**CLASSES OF 2015 AND 2016 VEHICLES.** Cadets in the Classes of 2015 and 2016 will refer to AFCWMAN 36-3501, *The Cadet Sight Picture*, and obtain academic year AOC approval before acquiring a vehicle. Cadets must register their vehicles on base within 5 duty days after the motor vehicle arrives at the Academy. Cadets will not park new or existing vehicles in the Harmon Hall parking lots at any time.

a. Cadets in the class of 2016 will not be authorized vehicles until after the graduation ceremony.

b. Cadets who are planning to pick up their vehicles during the summer must still obtain permission from their academic year AOC (gaining or losing) by submitting an AFCW IMT 42, Request to Own/Maintain a Motor Vehicle.

c. If cadets will exceed the 150-mile limit to pick up their vehicles, procedures outlined in AFCWMAN 36-3501, *The Cadet Sight Picture*, concerning extended limits beyond 150 miles, will apply. Cadets will not be excused from any scheduled duty to pick up their vehicles. Cadets in the Class of 2016 may not apply for extended limits for this purpose until after the graduation ceremony.

**CADET TAXES:** Most cadets don't have many deductions and file an EZ form. USAFA has volunteers that can do their taxes for free to ensure they have used all their deductions they are entitled to. The Tax center sometimes moves around the base, but the phone number is (719) 333-3905 and are done on an appointment basis. This information is posted in the cadet area.

**PROOF OF CADET HEALTH INSURANCE:** To get proof of insurance cadets can either e-mail Glenda Phillips at [glenda.phillips@us.af.mil](mailto:glenda.phillips@us.af.mil), phone (719) 333-5281 (USAFA TRICARE for cadets) and she can e-mail them their proof of insurance or they can stop by the cadet clinic and the folks there can print out the proof.

Parents sometime wish to get the cadet off their insurance and their companies may require proof of coverage. Some parents will wait to ensure their cadet will be staying at the Academy to ensure no loss of coverage.

### **HONORS LIST CRITERIA**

**Athletic Director's List:** Cadets who earn a semester Physical Education Average (PEA) of at least 3.0 will be on the Athletic Director's list. These cadets are authorized to wear the Athletic Director's pin on their uniform for the next semester. PEA is a weighted 4.00 grading scale (50% Physical Fitness Test + 35% Phy Ed course grades + 15% Aerobic Fitness Test).

**Dean's List:** The cadet has to earn a 3.0 GPA minus grades from physical education courses.

**Commandant's List:** The top 1/3 of each class year are eligible for this honor. Stipulation, if a cadet is on "ANY" probation, he/she is not eligible for the honor.

**SUPTS List:** Cadets must be on the Dean's, Commandant's and AD lists.

### **CADET WING MEDIA:**

Additional 2017 BCT yearbooks are available for purchase by emailing or contacting [cwmedia@usafa.edu](mailto:cwmedia@usafa.edu) or 719-333-4644.

Graduation 2014 media product information will be available this spring at [www.afaphotos.com](http://www.afaphotos.com) or on USAFA's graduation website.

**PHOTO ACCESS FOR PARENTS:** The U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs office provides command information to the installation and the public. One of the ways we do this is through social media venues such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. All information provided is official, but there is also fun stuff on there too. Did you know you can download photos from our Facebook page, for free?

FB: [www.facebook.com/USAFA.Official](http://www.facebook.com/USAFA.Official)

Twitter: @AF\_Academy

Instagram: AF\_Academy

SUPT Twitter: @USAFA\_SUPT

We also want your Academy photos. Upload them to Instagram using #YourAcademy, you might see it on Facebook and Twitter. If you have any questions, please call the Public Affairs office at 719-333-7731.

There are also more **FREE** pictures on the USAFA webpage. You can gain access from our website, <http://www.usafa.af.edu/> and go to the Commandants tab, cadet photos and select class year.

The Association of Graduates (AOG) also provides pictures for a cost by class year. For example the class of 2017 costs \$20.17 per month. You can sign up with their Webguy using this link: <http://www.usafawebguy.com/>.

### **ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES (AOG) INFORMATION**

#### **GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 2014**

Below is the information if you need to contact the company for announcements

website: <http://www.cbgrad.com/page1.asp>

Phone: 1-800-433-0296.

### **ADDRESS FOR THE UPCOMING GRADUATES**

Please make sure to update your mailing address when you graduate. Otherwise, you will be listed as a lost soul and unable to receive and use the benefits from the Association of Graduates. It is not automatic to have parent's address listed. They must have verification from the graduate. Go to [www.USAFA.org](http://www.USAFA.org) and register as a new registrant using your AOG ID to update your info.

**SUMMER COMMERCIAL BUS TRANSPORTATION.** 10th Force Support Squadron **will not** be offering transportation this year. Cadets can make arrangements for transportation to and from Denver International and Colorado Springs Airports by contacting Colorado Springs Shuttle, LLC, 719-687-3456/1-877-587-3456, <http://www.coloradoshuttle.com/index.php>.

### **2014 SPRING BREAK CADET BUS TRANSPORTATION**

*Tickets on sale starting January 06, 2014 thru March 14, 2014*

*No refunds after March 14, 2014*

*All seats sold after March 14 sold on space available basis*

*MUST HAVE AT LEAST 15 PAID SIGN-UPS FOR A BUS TO RUN...*

*Please call (719) 333-4602....All dates, times subject to cancellation per demand*

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#### **DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

**DEPART BASE OF RAMP (northeast corner below Terrazzo, Cadet Area)**

**21 March: 1230, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800**

**22 March: 0400, 0600**

**RETURN 30 March: 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800**



#### **Type of Ticket**

Round Trip  
One Way

#### **Purchase Tickets**

6 Jan 14 – 14 Mar 14  
\$45.00  
\$30.00



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#### **COLORADO SPRINGS AIRPORT**

**DEPART BASE OF RAMP (northeast corner of Terrazzo, Cadet Area)**

**21 March: 1315, 1415, 1515, 1615**

**22 March: 0415, 0615**

**RETURN 30 March: 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800**

#### **Type of Ticket**

Round Trip  
One Way

#### **Purchase Tickets**

6 Jan 14 – 14 Mar 14  
\$30.00  
\$20.00

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- 1) Since this is a high volume time at the airports, allow additional time to check luggage or take only one carry-on bag.
- 2) Only bus times that meet sign up requirements are guaranteed a ride. Standby space may be available at the departure site.

**BUSES DO SELL OUT PLEASE PURCHASE EARLY!!**

**DEPARTURE INFORMATION:**

- 1) Cadet Buses leave from the BASE OF THE RAMP ON TIME! Luggage is limited to one large bag or two medium bags and one carry-on bag. Cadets are responsible for loading their own luggage onto the bus. Luggage should be clearly marked. REMEMBER all Cadets luggage looks the same.
- 2) Please allow at least 2 hours for driving time to Denver International Airport.
- 3) Please allow at least 1 hour for driving time to Colorado Springs Airport.
- 4) Additional departure times will be set up if the date or time for release or cadets LMD changes.

**RETURNING INFORMATION:**

- 1) There will be standby tickets sold at DIA for \$35.00, COS \$25.00 but there is NO GUARANTEE a seat will be available!!
- 2) Meet at DIA level 5 East baggage claim Door 505
- 3) Colo Spgs-ORC rep will be present outside baggage claim area

*Vandenberg ORC-ROOM ICI5 (719) 333-4602*

**\*Note- Cadets must purchase tickets in person**

**Parents may purchase a bus ticket by phone for their Cadets with a MC or VISA. Open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 08:00 to 17:00 Closed Wed and Holidays**

**\*Note All dates and times are subject to change or cancellation**

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**2014 SPRING BREAK PREP SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION**

*Tickets on sale starting January 06, 2014 thru March 14, 2014*

*No refunds after March 14, 2014*

*All seats sold after March 14 sold on space available basis*

**MUST HAVE AT LEAST 15 PAID SIGN-UPS FOR A BUS TO RUN...**

*Please call (719) 333-4602....All dates, times subject to cancellation per demand*

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**DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

**DEPART Prep School parking lot 21 Mar 14: 1230**

**RETURN 30 March: 1430**



**Type of Ticket**

**Purchase Tickets**

6 Jan 14 – 14 Mar 14

Round Trip

\$45.00

One Way

\$30.00



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***COLORADO SPRINGS AIRPORT***

**DEPART Prep School parking lot 21 Mar 14: 1245**

**RETURN 30 March: 1430**

**Type of Ticket**

**Purchase Tickets**

6 Jan 14 – 14 Mar 14

Round Trip

\$30.00

One Way

\$20.00

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**PREP SCHOOL INFORMATION:**

Below is the Point of Contact for questions for our Prep School Candidate parents.

Contact Mark Winter at (719) 333-2583, [mark.winter@usafa.edu](mailto:mark.winter@usafa.edu) and the USAFA website below

<http://www.usafa.edu> Look under Prep School link at top right (7th tab)

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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